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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: DALE HARRISON

Filed: SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

For: VACUUM ULTRAVIOLET REFERENCING REFLECTOMETER

Serial No.: 10/668,644

Group Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: Smith, Zandra

Atty Dkt: METR:004

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.8, I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a first class, postage prepaid envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313 on the date below:

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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

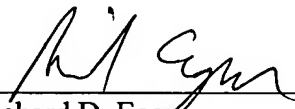
Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment dated May 18, 2004, indicating that the Office had received a letter of express abandonment of this application. Aware that no such letter had been sent on behalf of the Applicant, a call was placed to Examiner Smith. Examiner Smith indicated on May 27, 2004 that the Notice was issued in this case by mistake. After multiple attempts to resolve this matter via phone, still no formal withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment has been received by Applicant.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be formally withdrawn and a first Office Action be issued in due course.

No fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/METR:004.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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